

IN THE DRAWINGS


Please amend the drawings, specifically Figure 3, as indicated in red-ink on the sheet attached hereto.

IN THE TITLE

✓ Please amend the title to read, "QUICK OPENING CLOSURE FOR SMALL LIQUID CONTAINERS".

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows:



1. (Twice Amended) A closing device adaptable to a glass or thermoplastic container, comprising: a neck closable by a stopper forced into the neck or screwed or clipped or crimped to the side wall of the neck while compressing a seal onto the upper end of the neck, the device comprising of a sleeve comprising an internal channel having an axis of symmetry that opens at one end having a leaktight connection of the closing device with respect to the neck of a container and at the other end in a sliding-contact surface which is a sector of a cylinder or a portion of a sphere, having an axis of symmetry of revolution that intersects the axis of symmetry of the internal channel of the sleeve at right angles, providing the bottle with a new orifice that can be closed by a shut-off plate connected to a caliper which pivots, via the ends of its two parallel arms, about two journals integral with the sleeve, on which the arms pivot by means of a bore, wherein the journals and the bores form cams that enable the pressure of the shut-off plate on the sliding-contact surface to be varied and the pressure of the sealing portion to be varied when the new orifice is closed using a control portion.

2. (Twice Amended) The closing device as claimed in claim 1, comprising a sealing portion having a seal with a flexible lip integral with the new orifice, shaped essentially as a frustum of a cone of revolution, while the shut-off plate comprises, in the area that covers

the new orifice, a small spherical cap with a diameter roughly the same as that of said orifice and with a radius of curvature of the spherical cap that is much greater.

3. (Twice Amended) The closing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the control portion comprises a lever integral with the parallel arms of the caliper.

4. (Twice Amended) The closing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the closing device is produced from thermoplastic injection-molded parts cleaved or welded together.

Please add the following new claims:

5. (New) A closure for a small liquid container, comprising:
a body having an internal fluid flow path, comprising:
an attachment portion, the attachment portion adapted to sealingly engage
with an opening of the container; and
a cover portion, the cover portion including a sliding member sheathingly
disposed therein, the sliding member being actuatable from a first
position to a second position, wherein the first position allows
access to the container and the second position seals the container.

6. (New) The closure as recited in claim 5, further comprising a guide path for directing the sliding member.

7. (New) The closure as recited in claim 5, wherein the sliding member comprises an arcuate surface.

8. (New) The closure as recited in claim 6, wherein the guide path presents an arcuate profile.

9. (New) The closure as recited in claim 5, wherein motion of the sliding member is restricted to a planar direction with respect to the cover portion.

10. (New) A closure for a small liquid container, comprising:
a body having an internal fluid flow path, the body being sealingly secured to a neck of the container, wherein the body comprises an orifice, the orifice configured to provide access to the container;
a journal integrally disposed about the body; and
a cap portion pivotably coupled to the body via the journal, the cap portion having an arcuate surface adapted to sealingly mate with the orifice thereby sealing the container.

11. (New) The closure as recited in claim 10, wherein the cap portion comprises a handle.

12. (New) The closure as recited in claim 10, wherein the journal comprises a camming surface.

13. (New) The closure as recited in claim 10, wherein the body thereadably engages with the container.

14. (New) The closure as recited in claim 10, wherein the cap portion comprises a notch and the journal comprises a tab, wherein the notch and tab correspondingly mate to releasably secure the cap portion in an open position.
